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An Act to revise certain provisions regarding the 911 emergency surcharge, the public safety 911 emergency fund, and revenue distribution and to repeal the 911 emergency surcharge sunset clause.

- In 2017, SB 113 added some consequences for non-compliant Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) and delayed the 9-1-1 surcharge sunset until July 2019.
- There was an error in the bill when amending the 2012 session laws that created the surcharge and the current PSAP funding mechanisms.
- Without a fix, the statutes that specify the current division of the surcharge funds (70% to local governments for PSAP funding, and the remaining 30% is divided between incentive funding for PSAPs and funding for the NextGen 9-1-1 project) will be repealed on July 1 of this year and won't be re-enacted until July 1, 2019.
- Even when the funding provisions are reenacted in 2019, the enforcement mechanisms for noncompliant PSAPs are not included in the original session laws and will remain repealed.
- SB__ fixes these issues, by repealing all current provisions and pending session law changes, and permanently reenacting the current provisions. Sections 1-3 of the bill reflect the law as it is today and would remain the law unless further legislation is passed.
- As a result, the sunset on the 9-1-1 surcharge is permanently removed. This is necessary for ongoing support of the statewide 9-1-1 system.
- Even after the entire NextGen 9-1-1 system is rolled out and active, there will be permanent and on-going network and hardware maintenance costs.
- The State portion of the surcharge is used to pay both the initial and ongoing 9-1-1 network and hardware.
- The costs of the current 9-1-1 network are paid by the locals. With NextGen, the State subsidizes those costs through surcharge revenue.
- Due to the technical nature of 9-1-1, upgrades will always be necessary to remain current and responsive.

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